

## DAVIS WILL CONTEST

**MILLIONAIRE'S TWO NIECES GET  
THE VAST ESTATE.**

### CONTESTANTS FAIL TO PROVE THE INSTRUMENT A FORGERY.

**Will Was Found in an Urn Containing  
Ashes of Mrs. Davis—Estate Is  
Worth More Than \$1,000,000  
—New Trial to Be  
Asked.**

San Francisco, Aug. 17.—The will of Jacob Z. Davis, who died in Philadelphia a few months ago, which disposes of an estate valued at over \$1,000,000, was to-day admitted to probate. Judge Coffey overruling the objections of the unsuccessful contestants.

Letters of administration, with the will annexed, were issued to Lizzie Muir and Mrs. Belle Curtis, the nieces, who are named in the will as sole legatees. The

Alexander Boyd, the partner of Davis, testified that the estate consists of a one-half interest in the property of Boyd & Davis, and that the value of the one-half interest of Davis is \$1,042.72.

The attorneys for the contestants propose to move for a new trial.

Jacob Z. Davis arrived here in early days of the present century. He was a farmer and by judicious investment of his money, soon became a millionaire. When he died in the Continental hotel, Philadelphia, last October, he was in the act of dictating a will disposing of his property. It was then believed that he had died intestate. The result of his personal effects in this city, secured in the finding of two wills, leaving him all his property to his wife, but as she had died several years before him, the will

Some four or five weeks after his death a paper purporting to be his will was filed for probate in Judge Coffey's court. The will was brief, and disposed of the vast estate in a few words. Mrs. Belle Curtis and Miss Lizzie Muir were named as the legatees. A contest was at once begun by relatives of Davis, who live in the East. They claim that the paper offered for probate was a forgery, and they asked in the

The will was found in an urn containing the ashes of Mrs. Davis. The contestant claimed that the paper had been slipped into the urn by the forgers, and that it had been drawn several weeks after the death of Davis. The urn containing the ashes was brought into court and made an exhibit in the case.

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## WAS A WALKING BANK.

Feeble Old Man of 86 Wanders About Gotham With a Small Fortune on His Person.

New York, Aug. 17.—A man who said he was Thomas Hussey, 86 years of age, came from Montgomery, Ala., entered the American Exchange National bank this afternoon to deposit some bonds. He was very feeble and with trembling hands searched through his leather wallet and his pockets for some

coupons. He could not find them and the bank could not do business with him. He was sitting on the step of the bank entrance when a policeman saw him. The officer noticed that the old man was tired out, so he questioned him and finally took him to the Old Slip station house, where the sergeant ordered the officer to search him. The wallet disclosed \$773 in money,

The officer took Mr. Hussey to the Central street police court, where the old man told Magistrate Cornell that he arrived in New York last night and had stopped in a boarding house on 14th street, near the old market place, the number. He said he had a relative in Brooklyn named Mitchell. There was no charge to be made against Mr. Hussey.

sey, so the magistrate ordered the policeman to take him to police headquarters where steps could be taken to find his relatives.

Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 17.—Mr. Hussein is one of the oldest citizens of Montgomery. He owns valuable real estate throughout the state. He is a shoemaker by trade but gave up work many years ago. He is a bachelor and lives alone. He stands out in the community.

**INTERSTATE LOG ROLLING**

**A Great Crowd of Modern Wood  
Was Gathered at Nevada, Mo.,  
Yesterday.**

Nevada, Mo., Aug. 17.—(Special.) The Modern Woodmen of America held Interstate log rolling at Nevada. The crowd was one of the largest ever assembled in Nevada, numbering not less than 15,000 people. Excursion trains came from Parsons, Coffeyville, Fort Scott,

lin, Sedulia, Hannibal, Quincy, Ill., from Kansas City. The exercises were at Lake Park springs. The procession noon contained 10 bands, 2,500 veterans and 400 bands of music. Addresses were made by ex-Mayor A. J. King Nevada; Hon. J. B. Johnson, of Nev. Hon. D. J. Thornton, of Kansas City, Mrs. E. D. Watts, supreme oracle of Royal Neighbors of America, of Omaha. The different teams of Forces drilled to-night for prizes.

**Kansas O. M. B. Split Leads to the Organization of Another Anti-Prohibition Club.**

Topeka, Kas., Aug. 17.—(Special.) The Resubmission Club of the State of Kansas is the name of a Topeka organization chartered by the secretary of state to-day. The object of the order, as set out in the application, is to "agitate the question of resubmission of the prohibition question."

mitting the prohibitory statute of the constitution of the state of Kansas to the voters at any general election held in the state and for the purpose of promulgating loyalty to the country, purity in public affairs, and the advancement of political and social economy." The directors are J. J. Clehman, G. F. Payne, John Kneisler, H. Dimont and H. A. Klander. This organization is the outgrowth of a split in the C. M. B. It proposes to establish branch orders in every city of any size in the state.

**TRAINLOADS OF TEXTBOOKS.**  
**Publishers Shipping Their Products**  
**Into Kansas to Be Ready for**  
**the Opening of Schools.**  
 Topeka, Kas., Aug. 17.—(Special.) Scott Foresman & Co., of Chicago, have already shipped eight carloads of schoolbooks to this city and they are being distributed to the county agents. Becktold & Co., of St. Louis, have also shipped a trainload. Run

McNally will have ten pairs of books here this week. Crane & Co. have also got out the bulk of their books. State Printer Parks will have the textbooks on hand and keeping ready for shipment next Monday. All of the publishers say that they will have their books thoroughly distributed over the state before school takes up in September.

American delegates, Messrs. Stevenson, Keyer and Torma, who are on their way to the International Congress of Medicine which is to be held at Moscow.